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NEW CROATIAN IRONWORKS BEING BUILT -- Rad, No 188, 9 Aug 49

Sisak -- One of the largest ferrous metallurgy combines in Yugoslavia is being built near the old ironworks in Caprag. The blast furnaces of the new plant will be producing iron this year.

Before the war the blast furnaces of the Jesenice Ironworks were built by 24 foreign experts, and materials and equipment were procured by a technical staff of 240 experts and eight foreign firms. The new combine will be built under the direction of only two experts, and only eight engineers and technicians will make up the technical staff. The ironwork and almost all its equipment has been made by Yugoslav workers in Yugoslav factories.

Work on the combine was begun in March 1948. The metalwork was done by the "Djuro Djakovic," "Zmaj," and "Ivo Lola Ribar" plants and the store, Jesenice, and Zenica ironworks. The construction was done by the "Tehnika" and "Vijadukt" enterprises.

The third Cowper stove was built by a new method in 20 days, as compared with 72 days for the first. Work is progressing at top speed on the installation of the blast furnace. A gas cleaner, bins for iron ore, administration buildings, laboratories, and other buildings are also being built. There will be two blast furnaces. All smelting processes will be mechanized. A crane will feed ore and coke into the blast furnace.

The sinter plant will house the largest machinery of the combine, and there will be 168 instruments in the central measuring station.

The combine will produce, in addition to cast iron, raw materials for the rolling mill and the steel foundry of the combine.

A power plant for the combine will be built soon.

This year, 20 modern two-room apartments will be built in the workers' housing development. Eventually hundred of units will be built.

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GUSTANJ IRONWORKS EXPANDING -- Borba, No 178, 28 Jul 49

Capital construction at the Gustanj Ironworks is proceeding well, although only 60 percent of the labor force specified in the plan is available. The steel mill is now being erected and foundations are being built for other buildings. The large, well-lighted smithy and the machine-shop building have already been completed. A track for the crane is under construction.

Large blocks of housing are also being built.

A new concrete mixer that mixes $1\frac{1}{2}$ cubic meters of concrete per hour is being used at the site.

JESENICE STEEL CAPACITY INCREASED -- Politika, No 13300, 27 Jul 49

Another electric furnace was put into operation at the Jesenice Ironworks on 25 July. This will increase the production of special electric alloy steel by 38 percent. Other industrial enterprises will receive more special and tool steel as a result, and less of this rare and expensive product will have to be imported.

Before the war there were only two furnaces of this kind in Yugoslavia.

STORE IRONWORKS GETS NEW FURNACES -- Borba, No 187, 8 Aug 49

Celje -- On 6 August the first of three new furnaces was put into operation at the foundry of the Store Ironworks, although Hungary and other Cominform countries failed to deliver necessary parts. The workers at Store have made many spare parts and a large 30-ton crane.

CABLE FACTORY UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Politika, No 13319, 18 Aug 49

The largest cable factory in Yugoslavia is now under construction on the slope of Mount Juhor, not far from Svetozarevo. It will begin production about the middle of 1950 and will be operating at full capacity by the end of the Five-Year Plan. At present Yugoslav industry cannot make enough cables to meet the demands of the expanding electrical economy.

NEW FACTORY MAKES CONCRETE BLOCKS -- 20 Oktobar, No 245, 29 Jul 49

The "Standard Beton" (Standard Concrete) Factory, which specializes in concrete blocks and reinforced concrete supports, is the only plant of its kind in the Balkans. This modern factory was built during the last year and is already producing concrete blocks.

The factory is equipped with the most modern vibration machinery, built in 1946 in Canada, and paid for by the Rehabilitation Fund of the Canadian Council of Southern Slavs.

The new factory can make concrete blocks of much better quality than those made by the ordinary, primitive, "natural" method, and in 8 hours instead of 28 days required by the old system. When the factory is in full production, it will greatly expedite the erection of housing and other urban construction.

The cinder concrete made at "Standard Beton" also is much cheaper than brick. One block of cinder concrete, which takes the place of nine bricks, costs about 5 dinars, while bricks cost 2 dinars each.

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